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Wild Horses and Burros Find New Homes in Northwest Washington

Lynden, Wash. – Forty-eight wild horses and sixteen burros left the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden this past weekend on their way to new homes. The Bureau of Land Management hosted the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Event, with a total of 78 animals available for adoption. An estimated 100 people watched a wild horse gentling demonstration given Friday night by horse trainers Rick and Kitty Lauman.

The Lynden adoption was the second of two held in Washington state this year. No additional events have been scheduled in the state for 2003. According to Rick McComas, Wild Horse & Burro Specialist with the Spokane BLM, the BLM may hold two adoption events in Washington during 2004. McComas says, “When the dates and locations of the 2004 adoption events are known, we will update our website information and distribute information to people in the vicinity of the communities, as well as statewide.”

The 14 horses that were not adopted in Lynden were taken back to the Burns, Oregon Wild Horse Corrals to be available for adoption. The public can adopt a wild horse directly from the Burns, Oregon BLM throughout the year on an appointment basis by calling (541) 573-4400. The Burns, Oregon office is the main adoption center for Oregon and Washington and the holding center for horses gathered off eastern Oregon herd management area ranges.

For application forms and additional information on adoption requirements, contact the Spokane BLM at 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA. The Spokane BLM office has a toll-free phone (1-800-997-2022) for recorded information, and there is also a nationwide toll-free number for Wild Horse & Burro information at 1-866-4MUSTANGS.

Internet users can go online for information at: www.or.blm.gov/spokane_or
www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov

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